CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND TULARE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The State Water Resources Control Board's *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (the "OWTS Policy") regulates small domestic OWTS. The OWTS Policy allows for the continued use of OWTS under Local Agency oversight, establishes minimum risk-based standards, and requires Local Agencies to assess water quality. Local Agencies may either directly implement the conservative low-risk standards in the OWTS Policy or develop a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). When a local agency within the Central Valley Region prepares a LAMP, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is required to review the LAMP to determine whether it is protective of human health and water quality.

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency and Tulare County Environmental Health Division have submitted a LAMP for the Board's approval. Board staff has reviewed the LAMP and has concluded that it is consistent with the OWTS Policy. Board staff has proposed that the Central Valley Water Board consider a resolution approving Tulare County's LAMP at a public hearing scheduled for:

DATE:

5-6 April 2018

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board - Fresno Office

1685 E Street Fresno, CA 93706

Persons wishing to comment on the Central Valley Water Board's approval of Tulare County's LAMP must submit their comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 14 March 2018**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

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All persons may speak at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. All persons speaking at the hearing may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Eric Rapport at (530) 224-4998, or erapport@waterboards.ca.gov. Resolution and other related documents may be downloaded from the Board's website at the following address:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the date the hearing on the LAMP approval will be conducted.

The regulations governing Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. These regulations may also be obtained by accessing: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

Additional Information is available on the Board's website at the following address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml

or will be provided upon request. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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